

WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

7th July 2026 at 7:40pm

Wendover Community Library, High St, Wendover HP22 6DU

Present: Councillors Ballantine, Coupland, Gallagher, Mackinlay, O'Donnell, Standen, Thornton, Tipper, Washington and Worth.

Chair: Councillor Gallagher

In attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillor Field, Cllr Strachan offered his apologies

Clerk: Andy Smith

Members of Public: 11

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC26/121 Cllr Atwell offered apologies, which were accepted by the Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PC26/122 Cllr Thornton declared interest in the Hale Lane paper as a resident, Cllrs Gallagher and Worth declared an interest in the Youth Centre item as being involved with the Trustee Board. Councillors would not vote on those respective papers but were invited to offer their input.

3. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

PC26/123 The candidates introduced themselves to the Council and outlined their interests and ambitions the Council asked questions. Addition communications from one of the candidates were considered.

PC26/124 It was noted that one application had not reached the committee and apologies were offered.

PC26/125 It was **RESOLVED** to move the discussion and vote into confidential session and discuss the issue at the end of the meeting.

PC26/126 It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Alex Baughan and Anna Hudson to the full Council and invite the other candidate to join some of our working groups.

4. MINUTES

PC26/127 It was noted that two sentences had somehow been deleted from the minutes and they were amended in writing. The amended minutes of the Parish Council of 2nd June 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record to be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PC26/128 Congratulations were offered to Jane Larkham for her award of the MBE for her services to the Wendover Community.

PC26/129 Regarding the car accident on the high street, the Chair offered thanks to everyone, including the staff team, who supported those people involved.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC26/130 A presentation on activities was received from the Sparrowhawks netball club. It outlined their activities and successes, including their tours and stated that they had moved up divisions.

PC26/131 They discussed the facilities for netball in the area, the only ones in Wendover are outside at the local school. They would ideally like some indoor facilities and they would like support in

achieving that. Councillor Gallagher would explore how we can support the Wendover Sparrowhawks.

- PC26/132** A member of the public outlined that there were no flags hanging for the football or during armed forces week. This was noted and there will be a flag policy brought to Council.
- PC26/133** A member of the public was concerned about the lack of action for armed forces day and felt the minutes were too brief on this point.
- PC26/134** A member of the public asked a question as to the next steps on the markets paper. They would like to know what it will look like, what stalls are coming in and what does the market mean to the Parish Council. It was felt that Sundays would have a different feel and may be better for a trial.
- PC26/135** A member of the public outlined that they didn't think businesses had been consulted sufficiently about the markets paper.
- PC26/136** The Chair of the Council outlined that the advice from Bucks Business First and Government is that markets are the best way to support the high street. The priority is to support existing businesses and the council want to take time to get this right.

7. REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

- PC26/137** Cllr Field outlined that the Local Plan Consultation will be starting in July and encouraged the Council to respond in full to this.
- PC26/138** It was noted that the issue around road repairs have been brought up with the roads team.

8. CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE

- PC26/139** The Clerk's report was noted

9. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS

a) Payments to consider

- PC26/140** The payments to consider, totalling £59,331.23 were considered and questions answered. The payments were **RESOLVED** and would be signed electronically by Councillors Gallagher and Worth.

b) latest financial reports

- PC26/141** The financial reports were noted.

c) Flagstone statement

- PC26/142** The statement was noted.

10. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

a) HS2 Mitigation Action Group

- PC26/143** The report was noted.

b) Other Groups

- PC26/144** None presented

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) AMENITIES COMMITTEE

i) Minutes

PC26/145 The minutes of the Amenities committee meeting on 16th June 2026 were noted.

12. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a) Transport Working Group

i) update

PC26/146 The update was noted.

ii) Hale Lane

PC26/147 The paper was discussed and it was noted that there were different and sometimes contrary opinions expressed by both residents and other parishioners .

PC26/148 It was **RESOLVED** to lobby Buckinghamshire Council for the changes set out in the paper

PC26/149 It was **RESOLVED** to continue to engage with the Forestry Commission regarding access from Hale Lane to a car park

b) Open Spaces Working Group

PC26/150 The recommendations from the Hampden Playground upgrade have been received and need consideration before presenting to Amenities and full council.

c) Sustainability and Biodiversity Group

PC26/151 The update was noted

d) Strategic Planning Steering Group

PC26/152 The next meeting will be at the end of July

e) Engagement Strategy

PC26/153 The update was noted and the work of the group is appreciated. The request for volunteers has elicited a few responses and councillors were requested to respond to gaps so we can reach as many local groups as possible.

13. OTHER ITEMS

a) Weekend Markets

PC26/154 The comments in public forum were noted. The public participation made it clear that all were motivated to find the best approach for Wendover but there were differences over the approach. It was further noted that universal agreement may not be achieved

PC26/155 Car Parking capacity was noted as a limitational factor that cannot be quickly or easily solved. This may favour a Sunday and evening markets

PC26/156 It was noted that markets do increase footfall. Most trader feedback focused on the risks of holding more markets. It was noted that a trial would be a way of determining how best we can manage markets.

PC26/157 It was noted there are no intentions to damage existing high street traders and that the market should compliment and not compete with those traders

PC26/158 It was noted that we had been asked to reconsider extending the market on the same principles of the Local Produce Market. This presents capacity challenges for the Council.

- PC26/159** It was noted that the paper contained a bullet point list of criteria by which market proposals would be considered. This list may need refining and expanding over time. It was further noted by the parish council that high street retailers wanted more time to input into the criteria.
- PC26/160** It was noted that it may help to have a template for applications to ensure the criteria were met.
- PC26/161** An amendment was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to amend the paper so that high street retailers can comment with their priorities and concerns. Then the parish council will have clearly defined criteria by which they can judge and accept market proposals. This feedback must be with the office by Friday 31st July. Following consideration of this feedback the paper will be redrafted and come back to Council on Tue 1st September.
- PC26/162** The proposal as amended was **RESOLVED** to be approved

b) Representatives to Lionel Abel Smith Trust

- PC26/163** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Chair, Cllr Gallagher and former Chair, Sheila Bulpett as the community representatives to the Lionel Abel Smith Trust

c) Youth Centre Grant

- PC26/164** It was **RESOLVED** to release the £7000 grant funding to the Youth Centre, granted under the powers of the Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- PC26/165** The next Parish Council meeting will sit at 7.40 pm on Tuesday 4th August at Wendover Community Library. All agenda items and papers to be with the clerk by Mon 27th July.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

- PC26/166** With all business having been transacted, the meeting was closed at 9:20pm

Signed by *Frances Tipper*
Chair to the Parish Council

Date: 4th August 2026

PAYMENTS TO CONSIDER		July	Parish Council 7 July 2026
PC7-7-2026			
BACS			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
30/06/2026	Friends of Guiding (Wendover)	£3,000.00	Grant to replace Guide hut roof
08/07/2026	Thamas Nagy	£3,300.00	Street light testing
08/07/2026	D.N. Auto Electronics	£115.00	Trailer repairs
08/07/2026	Paw Print	£140.40	Printer/copier costs
08/07/2026	James Scadden	£41.00	Allotment deposit return
08/07/2026	Wendover Community News	£203.50	1/2 advert in Jul/Aug Bumper edition
08/07/2026	Pat Kernan	£11,136.00	Tree works and repairs
08/07/2026	Gladson UK Limited	£922.95	Life bouy Housing
31/07/2026	Salaries	£10,353.71	July Salaries
31/07/2026	HMRC	£3,888.53	Payroll tax and NI - July
31/07/2026	Smart Pensions	£1,137.90	Pension Contributions - July
08/07/2026	Farol Limited	£164.52	Grillo - Safety Beacon
08/07/2026	A Weatherhead Drilling Service	£24,000.00	Borehole Drilling works Hampden Pond
TOTAL BACS AMOUNT		£58,403.51	
CARD			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
02/07/2026	Society of Local Council Clerks	£379.00	Membership Fee - Andy Smith
24/06/2026	Ashco Wendover	£24.00	Personal Fans - Estates
24/06/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£6.78	Office supplies - Roll/ ice lollies
22/06/2026	WCF Ltd T/A Progreen	£69.96	Roundup ProVantage
22/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£119.00	Heavy duty red paint
22/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£14.24	2 8 Powerchem Jerry Cans
22/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£6.74	Paint brush set
19/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£27.44	Bathroom Pedal bin
22/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£6.98	Security Cable Bike lock
16/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£74.99	Folding Platform Trolley
15/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£27.98	Office Supplies - Box Files
17/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£11.04	Office Supplies - Thick Card
16/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£14.58	Office Supplies - Lever Arch Files
12/06/2026	Amazon Business EU	£3.70	Office Supplies - Highlighter Pens
01/07/2026	Hildreth's Hardware	£59.00	Paint - Sadolin/ walnut
02/07/2026	Wendover Post Office	£14.40	1st Class Stamps
03/07/2026	Gov.uk	£14.00	Land and property Search - Haddington Close
03/07/2026	Gov.uk	£14.00	Land and property Search- Haddington/Tedder Open space
06/07/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£3.00	Officer Supplies - Coffee
06/07/2026	Sweeneys Wendover	£2.29	Office Supplies - Roll
01/07/2026	Amazon Business EU	£34.60	Heavy Duty Litter Picker
TOTAL CARD AMOUNT		£927.72	
DD/SO			
Date	To	Amount	Payment for
29/06/2026	Lloyds Bank plc	£8.50	Bank Charges
22/06/2026	Lebara Mobile	£5.00	Estates mobile plan
01/07/2026	Sidleys	£135.00	Garage rental - Jul 26
05/07/2026	Buckinghamshire council	£94.00	Market Rates - July 2026
22/06/2026	Castle Water Limited	£11.68	Water Charges - Site Safe
22/06/2026	Castle Water Limited	£35.24	Water Charges - Clock tower
22/06/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£109.08	Fuel Card
29/06/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£78.27	Fuel Card
14/07/2026	British Gas	£24.97	Manor Waste Elec - June
14/07/2026	British Gas	£97.21	Clock Tower elec - June
14/07/2026	British Gas	£33.38	Site Safe Elec - June
30/06/2026	Radius Connect	£156.17	Phone and Broadband - Jun 2026
26/06/2026	Adobe	£19.97	Adobe Acrobat plan
01/08/2026	Buckinghamshire council	£187.60	Commercial Waste Collection Jun 26
07/07/2026	Lebara Mobile	£5.00	Office mobile plan
01/08/2026	Sidleys	£135.00	Garage rental - Aug 26
05/08/2026	Buckinghamshire council	£94.00	Market Rates - August 2026
06/07/2026	Radius UK Fuels	£197.02	Fuel Card
14/07/2026	Radius Telematics	£18.00	Vehicle trackers
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£59,331.23	SIGNED BY COUNCILLORS: